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On 30 and 31 December 1953, the Panzer Kaserne in Borna was occupied as previously by about 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. An estimated 150 officers and troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch of service insignia were quartered in an installation northeast of the barracks installation south of Braitscheid Strasse and west of Puschkinstrasse. On 30 and 31 December, groups of 8 to 10 soldiers, totaling about 200 to 250 troops, received basic training. About 15 to 20 trucks were being maintained in front of the sheds. Several tanks were seen through the open doors of a shed. On 30 December, an armored personnel carrier, which was occupied by 5 soldiers, was seen in the yard, presumably at driving practice. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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[REDACTED] Comment. According to this and preceding reports by same source, the Panzer Kaserne (1161) is occupied as previously by the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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